



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No. 10/543,004 Confirmation No. 2440
Applicant: RUAT, et al.
Title: **NOVEL USE OF MIFEPRISTONE AND DERIVATIVES
THEREFOR AS HEDGEHOG PROTEIN SIGNALING
PATHWAY MODULATORS AND APPLICATIONS OF SAME**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of December 22, 2009, Applicants preliminarily amend the claims and offer remarks in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination filed forthwith. The amendments and remarks are as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.